

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Thirty-five thousand people in the state of South Dakota have diabetes. Diabetes strikes men, women, and children of all races, creeds, and economic backgrounds. Diabetes takes many forms and is likely to have many causes, but the long-term outcome is the same--over the years, diabetes can damage the heart, blood vessels, kidneys, eyes, and nerves. Diabetes and its complications take a heavy toll on individuals and our state in terms of illness, disability, and economic loss--yet, there is hope; and,

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, there was no such thing as home blood glucose monitoring. Fifty years ago, many people did not have access to insulin or oral medication or, indeed, to proper care. Fifty years ago, people with diabetic eye disease were almost certain to go blind, yet in just 50 short years, all of this is changed; and,

WHEREAS, In 50 short years, we have gained a better understanding of diabetes, an increase in our ability to treat diabetes, a reduction in the severity of some of its complications, and an improvement in the quality of life for people who have diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, Much of the remarkable progress made in all these areas is the result of efforts made over the last half-century of thousands of volunteers who have devoted their time and talent to the American Diabetes Association; and,

WHEREAS, Founded in 1940 as a small, professional society, today's American Diabetes Association is an internationally recognized, full-service, not-for-profit organization that serves all people with diabetes. The association's reach extends worldwide to more than 70 countries which, here at home, the South Dakota affiliate serves the people of South Dakota through the dedicated commitment of volunteers working in its four chapters; and,

WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association knows that while tremendous progress has been made there still is a long way to go. Fifty years, after all, is more than a lifetime to many people who have diabetes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby formally recognize the 50th anniversary of the American Diabetes Association to help increase public awareness of diabetes and to emphasize the need for continued efforts to eliminate this disease, and I call upon concerned agencies, health-care providers, and the people of South Dakota to observe this anniversary during 1990 with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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LANCE HAZELSTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE